

Remarks:

This amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to advance this case to issue without delay.

The claims have been replaced with a new set of 16 claims of which new main claim 98 corresponds to original claims 1 and 3, the remaining claims basically correspond to original claim 2 and 4 through 16.

US 5,811,897 of Spaude is not actually the same system as this invention. Column 4, lines 66 and 67 says that several persons can make the link, but in no way discloses multiple switch devices. This is significantly different from the multiple switching system now claimed.

The claims in the case in fact correspond closely to the claims in allowed EP 1,530,526 (attached), which cites the same primary art - US 5,811,897 - as this case.

Reconsideration and allowance of all claims is in order.

If only minor problems that could be corrected by means of a telephone conference stand in the way of allowance of this

case, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned to make the necessary corrections.

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